

# Gunman kills 5 in attack targeting newspaper

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ANNAPOLIS, MD.  
A man armed with smoke grenades and a shotgun at-

tacked journalists at a newspaper in Maryland's capital Thursday, killing five people before police quickly stormed the building and arrested him, police and witnesses said.  
Police said the suspect was a

white man in his late 30s whose shotgun rampage at The Capital Gazette followed social media threats directed at the newspaper. A law enforcement official said the suspect has been identified as Jarrod W. Ramos. The

official was not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.  
Authorities said the gunman entered the building in a targeted attack and "looked for his

victims." He had smoke grenades and fired a shotgun at his victims, according to Anne Arundel County Acting Police Chief William Krampf.  
"This person was prepared today to come in, this person was prepared to shoot people. His intent was to cause harm," Krampf said.  
Among the victims was veteran journalist and columnist Rob Hiaasen, 59, brother of novelist Carl Hiaasen. Carl Hiaasen said he was "devastated and heart-sick" at the loss of a brother he

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## COOL THING TO DO



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The Salvation Army and KCP&L gave away 600 fans on Thursday as extreme temperatures blanketed the area. KCP&L volunteers, including Jeff Beeson (left) and Carey Bush, helped distribute the fans at 18th Street and the Paseo. People still in need of a fan can contact their nearest Salvation Army Community Center.

## Mother says police who shot son mistreated her as well

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Independence police killed a Tonganoxie mother's only child, but that wasn't the last of the indignities they inflicted on her, she told The Star this week.  
Kevin Hellebuyck, one day away from turning 45, lingered in a hospital for two weeks after police shot him in January, but police never notified his mother that he was there. Then last week, police publicly said Hellebuyck shot at officers during the incident at Dollar General off 23rd Street, but their own investigation showed he did not.  
"I feel like I was misled and let down," said Deborah Nitchals, 63. "I lost precious time with my son."  
Independence police did not respond to questions addressing Nitchals' concerns.  
Independence officers shot at two men moments after arriving at the Dollar General. Hellebuyck died and a second man who witnesses said was unarmed was injured.  
Neither of the men fired at

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## Amazon to buy PillPack, jumping into drug business

BY CLAIRE BALLENTINE  
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*New York Times*

Amazon announced Thursday that it would acquire PillPack, an online pharmacy with a nationwide reach, in a deal that could quickly make the online

giant a major player in the drug business.  
The deal is precisely the kind of news that the health care industry has been fearing for months, as Amazon hinted that it was interested in expanding its reach to include prescription drugs, a \$560 billion business.

One barrier to entry for Amazon had been the bureaucratic hassle of securing pharmacy licenses in each state. But in acquiring PillPack, it is essentially leaping over that hurdle because the company is licensed to ship prescriptions in 50 states.  
Shares of Walgreens and Rite Aid dropped more than 9 percent, and CVS Health dropped 6.6 percent, after the announce-

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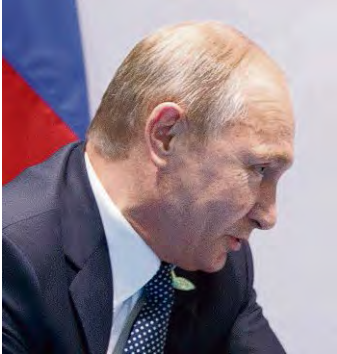
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After months of speculation that it would get into the pharmacy business, online retailer Amazon is buying a pharmacy company.

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